



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah Gilg and the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Both Skyler Spear and Melissa Spear were sentenced on August 24, 2010, by the Honorable Richard G. Kopf, United States District Judge in Lincoln, Nebraska. Skyler Spear was sentenced to 140 months in prison, five years supervised release, and \$100 special assessment for the crime of conspiracy to manufacture more than 50 grams of actual methamphetamine. Melissa Spear was sentenced to 70 months in prison, four years supervised release, and \$100 special assessment for the crime of conspiracy to manufacture more than 50 grams of actual methamphetamine.

The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office had received information that Melissa and Skyler Spear were purchasing numerous boxes of pseudoephedrine around the Lincoln area. The pills were then sold in order to manufacture over 50 grams of actual methamphetamine.

Name of Defendant(s): Skyler Spear and Melissa Spear

AKA:

Age(s): Skyler Spear, age 28; Melissa Spear, age 29

City of residence: Council Bluffs, Iowa

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Conspiracy to manufacture actual methamphetamine, 10 years to life, \$4,000,000 fine, or both imprisonment and fine, 5 years of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Lincoln, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: Actual Methamphetamine

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: January, 2009 through November, 2009

Federal Arrest Date: February 25, 2010

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: January 21, 2010

Initial Appearance Date: April 19, 2010

Plea Date(s): Skyler Spear - 6/2/2010; Melissa Spear - 5/20/2010

Sentencing Date: August 24, 2010

Next Court Hearing Type and Date:

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Cheryl R. Zwart

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: Richard G. Kopf

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